

MINUTES OF THE BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP COUNCIL
MARCH 28, 2015 COUNCIL CHAMBERS

The Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater, County of Somerset, State of New Jersey, convened in a Special and regular session meeting on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. in Council Chambers in the Municipal Complex, Bridgewater, New Jersey 08807.

Council President Norgalis read the following announcement:

Notice of Meeting

In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act of New Jersey, adequate notice of this meeting was provided on January 7, 2015 and March 24, 2015 by sending written and electronic notice to the Courier News and the Star Ledger, posting on the Township website and on the bulletin board in the Municipal Building, and filing with the Township Clerk.

On call of the roll, the following Council members were present:

Allen Kurdyla
Matthew C. Moench (arrived at 9:08)
Filipe Pedroso (absent)
Christine Henderson Rose
Council President Norgalis

Also Present:

Mayor Daniel J. Hayes
James T. Naples, Township Administrator
Robert C. Bogart, Director of Municipal Services
Thomas Forsythe, Deputy Director of Municipal Services
Krista Gaffney, Confidential Secretary
Grace Karanja, Deputy Township Clerk

Council President Norgalis led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the meeting was opened to the public for discussion.

No one wished to be heard

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the public comment portion was closed.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Hayes thanked the following members of the Capital Budget Advisory Committee who have assisted with identifying the projects most in need of capital improvement in 2015:

Arshad Jalil
Stephen Bartheekmes, Sr
Thomas Genova
Urvin Pandya

Mayor Hayes advised Bridgewater has many roads that are in need of repair and discussed his interest in long term investment of this projects as opposed to short term. The Mayor apologized as he would not be attending the road tour due to a prior commitment.

Adjournment

On the motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15am.

The meeting reconvened from the Municipal Courtroom to the Senior Citizen Center bus. The bus was driven by Mr. Rice. Members of the Capital Budget Advisory Committee joined the tour. Mr. Bogart assisted in navigating.

Road Tour

Mr. Bogart distributed a packet to the Council including maps and a more detailed description of the specific road and drainage projects, sidewalk projects, sewer utility and public works projects for 2015.

Mr. Bogart narrated during the bus tour. The tour concentrated on various road conditions, storm drainage and road surfacing techniques that would be utilized in the proposed capital improvement projects for 2015.

The tour covered various sections of the township. Mr. Bogart explained techniques likely to be used for this year's improvements, including the use of slurry and chip seals, which if applied as part of the initial program or shortly thereafter increases the lifespan of the roadways.

Mr. Bogart noted the extreme weather conditions this winter will have a huge effect on the roadways with potholes and repairs continuing through the spring.

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, second by Councilman Kurdyla, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 10:45 a.m.

Reconvene & Roll Call

The meeting reconvened from the Senior Citizen Center bus to the Municipal Courtroom at approximately 10:50am.

On call of the roll, the following Council members were present:

Allen Kurdyla
Matthew C. Moench

Christine Henderson Rose
Council President Norgalis

Also Present: James T. Naples, Township Administrator
Natasha Turchan, Director of Finance
Krista Gaffney, Confidential Secretary
Grace Karanja, Deputy Township Clerk

Introduction
Of
Ordinances

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$3,895,000 FOR VARIOUS ROAD IMPROVEMENTS IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$3,700,250 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing Ordinance was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Absent
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution **#15-03-28-078** is appended to the official minutes

Grace Karanja, Deputy Township Clerk read the following report:

BE IT RESOLVED that the said pending ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised as required by statute fixing the 20th day of April 2015, at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time on said day and time and at Bridgewater Township Municipal Court Chambers - 100 Commons Way as the place for hearing and final action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall forthwith post on the bulletin board in the Township Municipal Building at 100 Commons Way, a true copy of said ordinance and make copies available to members of the general public and spread the same upon the minutes of the meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance has electronically forwarded the Supplemental Debt Statement to the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, Trenton, New Jersey.

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$105,000 FOR VARIOUS PUBLIC WORKS IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING ACQUISITION OF PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, INSTALLATION OF MEETING ROOM PARTITIONS AT LIBRARY AND SENIOR CENTER BATHROOM RENOVATIONS, IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$99,750 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION.

Township Administrator Naples stated we will be continuing work at Kid Street, renovating the bathrooms at the senior center and installing meeting room partitions at the library.

Councilman Moench stated he is unsure about whether or not he has a conflict and being Counsel is absent, he will be abstaining from voting on this Ordinance.

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing Ordinance was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Moench	Abstain
Councilman Pedroso	Absent
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution **#15-03-28-079** is appended to the official minutes

Grace Karanja, Deputy Township Clerk read the following report:

BE IT RESOLVED that the said pending ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised as required by statute fixing the 20th day of April 2015, at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time on said day and time and at Bridgewater Township Municipal Court Chambers - 100 Commons Way as the place for hearing and final action; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance has electronically forwarded the Supplemental Debt Statement to the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, Trenton, New Jersey.

BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$1,560,000 FOR VARIOUS SEWER UTILITY IMPROVEMENTS, INCLUDING SEWER LINE IMPROVEMENTS AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS INCLUDING SOMERVILLE AND FINDERNE ROAD AREAS, ACQUISITION OF PICKUP TRUCK WITH SNOW PLOW, ACQUISITION OF MASON DUMP TRUCK WITH SNOW PLOW AND ACQUISITION OF MIG WELDER AND TIG WELDER, IN AND BY THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, IN THE COUNTY OF SOMERSET, NEW JERSEY AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,560,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING PART OF THE APPROPRIATION

Township Administrator Naples stated while we are doing the sanitary sewer replacements, we will also be improving the road service one of which is Woodside Lane.

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the foregoing Ordinance was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Absent
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution **#15-03-28-080** is appended to the official minutes

Grace Karanja, Deputy Township Clerk read the following report:

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance has electronically forwarded the Supplemental Debt Statement to the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, Trenton, New Jersey.

REFUNDING BOND ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE REFUNDING OF CERTAIN GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, NEW JERSEY, APPROPRIATING \$4,000,000 THEREFORE AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$4,000,000 BONDS OR NOTES OF THE TOWNSHIP FOR FINANCING THE COST THEREOF.

Finance Director Turchan stated this Ordinance will allow us in the near future to refinance at a lower rate than the current 3.1%.

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the foregoing Ordinance was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Absent
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE ORDINANCE WAS INTRODUCED.

A copy of resolution **#15-03-28-081** is appended to the official minutes

Grace Karanja, Deputy Township Clerk read the following report:

BE IT RESOLVED that the said pending ordinance be passed on first reading and advertised as required by statute fixing the 20th day of April 2015, at 7:30 p.m. prevailing time on said day and time and at Bridgewater Township Municipal Court Chambers - 100 Commons Way as the place for hearing and final action; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Township Clerk shall forthwith post on the bulletin board in the Township Municipal Building at 100 Commons Way, a true copy of said ordinance and make copies available to members of the general public and spread the same upon the minutes of the meeting.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Director of Finance has electronically forwarded the Supplemental Debt Statement to the Division of Local Government Services in the Department of Community Affairs, Trenton, New Jersey.

Resolutions

RESOLUTION AMENDING THE AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL SERVICES TO MILLS & SCHNOERING ARCHITECTS, LLC CONCERNING THE HISTORIC STRUCTRE REPORT FOR THE LANE-BROKAW HOUSE LOCATED AT 551 MILLTOWN ROAD, BLOCK 168, LOTS 18 AND 18Q TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF OPTION 1 (PHASE 1A

ARCHEOLOGICAL ASSESSMENT OVERVIEW) AND OPTION 2 (REGISTER NOMINATION) AS SET FOR IN THE APRIL 24, 2014 FEE PROPOSAL AND TO AUTHORIZE PAYMENT FOR CERTAIN REIMBURSABLE ALLOWABLE EXPENSES FOR A TOTAL INCREASE OF \$21,090

Councilwoman Rose stated the first resolution was for one piece of the proposal, the additional monies will allow for the completion of the Lane-Browkaw project.

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Absent
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-03-28-082 is appended to the official minutes

FOR ALL CLAIMS REMAINING ASSERTED BY BRIDGEWATER TOWNSHIP AGAINST MIDLAND INSURANCE COMPANY IN THE MATTER OF UNITED STATES V. BECKMAN COULTER, INC., AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY V. AMERICAN THERMOPLASTICS CORP FOR GOOD AND VALUABLE CONSIDERATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$20,226.93

Township Administrator Naples stated Bridgewater Township was in litigation with Midland and was entitled to a contribution of approximately \$400,000.00 from Midland. Due to Midland's bankruptcy, Bridgewater is limited to a potential recovery of \$85,000.00. Argo Partners, a corporation that specializes in the purchase of claims against distressed or troubled insurance companies has offered Bridgewater Township \$10,113.46 to assign them any and all of Bridgewater's further claim against Midland

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Absent
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-03-28-083 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TO ACCEPT FUNDS FROM A SUBGRANT AWARD OF THE FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2014 OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,000.00

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Absent
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-03-28-084 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZING AWARD OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING/SURVEYING/ INSPECTION SERVICES CONTRACT FOR THE GILBRIDE ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROJECT, SECTION 1A TO THE REYNOLDS GROUP IN THE AMOUNT OF \$38,100.00

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Absent
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-03-28-085 is appended to the official minutes

AUTHORIZATION TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS OF SOMERSET COUNTY FOR RECYCLING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400,846.95

Township Administrator Naples stated the freeholders have held our rate the same as it was in previous years, which is \$23.85 per household. The recycling group continues to do a good job in collecting our recyclables.

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Absent
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-03-28-086 is appended to the official minutes

RESOLUTION OF THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL SUPPORTING A PROPERTY TAX REWARDS PROGRAM TO BE IMPLEMENTED AS PART OF THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER SHOP LOCAL CAMPAIGN

Carmine de Falco, CEO of FinCredit Inc. was present to discuss the shop local program. He explained they offer a property tax reward program which provides property tax credits as an incentive to shopping locally. A “Shop Your Town” property tax card, similar to a reward card is made available to all township residents and upon enrolling in the program, residents may use the card and accumulate property tax credits every time they shop at local participating businesses. Renters are also eligible to register and get cash rebates but rent accounts are subject to a check handling fee which is deducted from the rebate. Yearly, FinCredit will transfer funds to the township crediting the tax bill of participating residents. There is no cost to the Township.

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Absent
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution #15-03-28-087 is appended to the official minutes

RECYCLING TONNAGE GRANT APPLICATION

Township Administrator Naples stated this resolution will authorize us to apply for the recycling tonnage grant.

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Absent
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution **#15-03-28-088** is appended to the official minutes

APPOINTMENT TO THE CREATIVE ARTS COMMITTEE - PATRICIA FRANCHINO

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Absent
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution **#15-03-28-089** is appended to the official minutes

APPOINTMENT TO THE HOUSING ADVISORY BOARD - JACQUELINE PINO

On motion of Councilman Kurdyla, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Absent
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution **#15-03-28-090** is appended to the official minutes

**AUTHORIZATION FOR FIREWORK DISPLAYS AT SOMERSET PATRIOTS STADIUM
ON MAY 1, MAY 9, MAY 21, MAY 30, JUNE 5 AND JUNE 10, 2015**

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Moench, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
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Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Absent
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution **#15-03-28-091** is appended to the official minutes

REQUEST FOR WAIVER OF FIRE PERMIT FEE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50.00 FOR THE ARC OF SOMERSET COUNTY IN CONNECTION WITH THE “STEP UP FOR THE ARC” WALK AND 5K RUN HOSTED AT DUKE ISLAND PARK ON SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2015, FROM 8:30 AM TO NOON

On motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Absent
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Aye

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution **#15-03-28-092** is appended to the official minutes

AMENDING RESOLUTION 15-01-05-024 AND NAMING HOWARD V. NORGALIS AS TOWNSHIP COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE REGIONAL CENTER PARTNERSHIP DESIGNATED REPRESENTATIVES LIST

On motion of Councilman Moench, seconded by Councilwoman Rose, the foregoing resolution was proposed. The vote was as follows:

Councilman Kurdyla	Aye
Councilman Moench	Aye
Councilman Pedroso	Absent
Councilwoman Rose	Aye
Council President Norgalis	Abstain

THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED.

A copy of resolution **#15-03-28-093** is appended to the official minutes

Adjournment

On the motion of Councilwoman Rose, seconded by Councilman Kurdyla, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda J. Doyle, RMC
Municipal Clerk

Howard Norgalis
Council President